

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Weeds: Season 2 (Disc 2)

Other known title(s): Weeds: The Complete Second Season (Episodes 9-12)

OFLC ref: 1101189.001

Medium: Blu-ray disc

Distributor: Sony Pictures Home Entertainment

Director: Chris Long
et al.

Producer: Matthew Salsberg

Country of origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: Film & Video Labelling Body

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: Contains drug use, sex scenes and offensive language.

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 19 December 2011

Date of direction to issue a label: 13 December 2011

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play All Episodes Episode Selection Set Up Special Features Menu Options	
Timed component(s):	9. Bash	27:04

	10. Mile Deep And A Foot Wide	26:04
	11. Yeah. Like Tomatoes	27:32
	12. Pittsburgh	26:39
	Haskeroos Commercials	0:21
	Cream Of The Crop	5:26
	Notices	0:40
Untimed component(s):	Commentaries (x3) Trivia Tracks (x2) Test Your Short Term Memory	
Total running time:		113:46

Summary of reasons for decision:

The Blu-ray disc contains four episodes from the second season of the American television drama "Weeds", and some additional material relating to the series. The episodes were previously examined on DVD by the Classification Office and the decision was registered on 3 July 2008 (OFLC No. 800955). It was classified as "Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years", with the descriptive note "Drug use, sex scenes and offensive language". The additional material on the Blu-ray disc includes a component entitled "Cream Of The Crop", which focuses on Chris X. Rubin, a high-profile cannabis advocate, showing the viewer five different strands of cannabis and discussing their origin and the effect they each have on the cannabis smoker. This component increases the extent and degree to which the publication encourages criminal activity. When considering the effect of this component on the publication as a whole, a change in classification is required, restricting the availability of the Blu-ray Disc to an adult audience. Adults are more likely to know the law and the possible consequences of their actions surrounding cannabis use and cultivation. A restriction on the availability of the publication to adults will prevent the likelihood of injury to the public good.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of all the classification criteria. The publication's classification is reasonable, justified and in accordance with the law. This limitation on the publication's availability is the minimum restriction that can be applied in order to prevent likely injury to the public good.